

Kootenai National Forest

Cabinet Ranger District

Rice Draw #1071

Clark Fork River Area (south side of the river)









OVERVIEW

Rice Draw Trail #1071 traverses multiple closed roads as it climbs from the valley bottom near the town of Heron to a major ridgeline. The trail receives very little use, with most use occurring in the hunting season.

LENGTH OF TRAIL

3.51 miles one way

ELEVATION

Beginning: 2545' Ending: 4950' Net gain: 2405'

Both upper and lower trailheads can be accessed via open road systems.

DIFFICULTY

Moderate

FACILITIES

Ample parking is available for vehicles and horse trailers at the upper and lower trailheads.

DIRECTIONS

From the town of Heron travel south and east on Lower River County Road for approximately 4

miles. Turn south onto FSR 2704 and proceed approximately two miles to the trailhead.

TRAIL CONDITIONS

Rice Draw Trail #1071 is a Trail Class 2 trail. Users should expect some blowdown, brush, and minimal tread. The trail is scheduled to be cleared every five years. Please contact Cabinet Ranger

Station for current trail conditions.

USGS MAP(S)

Heron #86, Gem Peak #105

TRAILHEAD LAT/LONG

Lower trailhead: 48.023 115.930

Upper trailhead: 47.987 115.934

STREAM CROSSINGS

No stream crossings.

RESTRICTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

No motorized use.

Mechanized and Stock Use: not recommended due to occasional blowdown and tread condition.

Properly possess and store all food, refuse, and other attractants pursuant to Kootenai National Forest

Food Storage Order (CFR 261.58 (cc)).

Please practice Pack-in-Pack-out and Leave-No-Trace ethics.

